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► Amanda Guenther braves the cold and serves up ribs on the corner of Stephen Avenue and 2nd Street SW yesterday.

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Daughter, dad learn e-lesson

► Hundreds offered help in search for teen ► Tips led father to B.C. ► Police found her in Calgary days later



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Every parent's worst nightmare became Calgarian Barry Rungeling's reality when he arrived home from work Jan. 5.

His 14-year-old daughter Kaitlyn was missing. Clothes had been removed from her dresser and her phone was dead.

"I was freaking," he said. "I was ready to go anywhere I thought she could be."

Rungeling began canvassing malls around the city. He contacted the police, family and friends — anyone who might have clues on his daughter's whereabouts.

Tips poured in that Kaitlyn was spending time with a 20-year-old male who had befriended her on Facebook after the two met through a friend roughly a year prior. Finally, five days after she was reported missing, Kaitlyn was taken into police custody at a southwest residence.

Rungeling said police told him they used the male's phone to track his location.

Looking back, Kaitlyn said she didn't know what she was in for when agreeing to stay at the male's house.



► Barry Rungeling with his daughter Kaitlyn.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

She said she was never harmed during the ordeal but felt "frustrated, scared."

A police spokesperson said no charges have been laid in the matter, but that a male was arrested at the residence on unrelated warrants.

Rungeling offered a stern warning to parents whose kids are using social media.

"They have too much freedom these days," he said.

"As parents, we need to be over their shoulders all the time to ensure things like this don't happen."



For more on this story, visit
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Food for charitable thought

Bull's Eye barbecue sauce was giving out free chicken and ribs to raise awareness for the Project Warmth Society of Alberta, a charitable organization that collects warm winter gear for the homeless and whose motto is "Be bold. Give back."

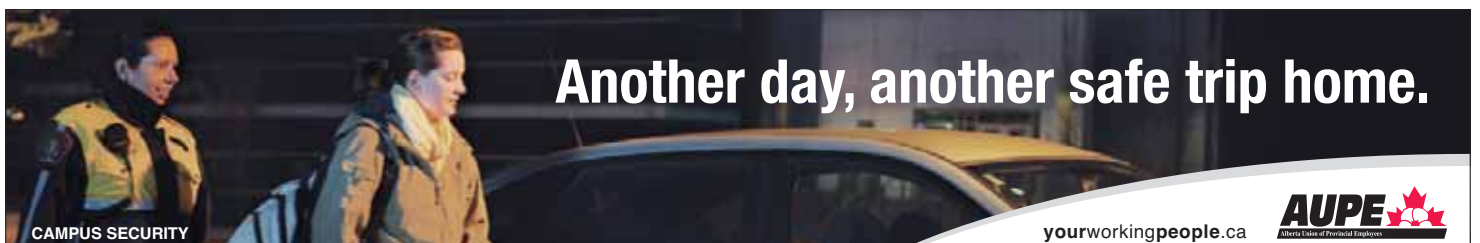
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Suspicious fire in the downtown

Fire investigators believe a two-alarm blaze in the downtown was set under suspicious circumstances.

Smoke spilling out of a boarded-up building on the 3100 block of Centre Street North caught the attention of a Calgary Transit driver yesterday morning, according to officials.

The driver called 911 and fire crews responded, and upon their arrival a second alarm was called out.

One firefighter was injured after falling during suppression efforts and later sent to hospital with minor injuries.

Damage to the building was extensive and the cause of the fire is under investigation. **● METRO**

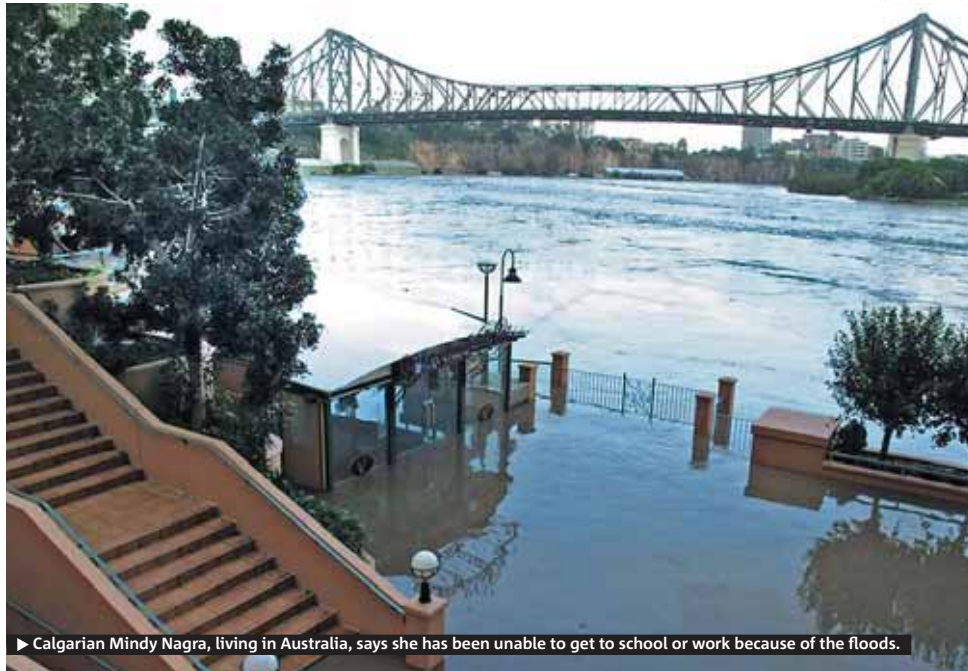
Zoo tiger abandons young cub

Staff at the Calgary Zoo were forced to intervene and assume care of a baby Siberian tiger last night after its mother left it unattended.

Katja, the mother, left the cub alone in their den, causing it to become dehydrated and its body temperature to fall.

"Having had to intervene to the extent we did to keep the cub alive, returning the cub to its mother any time soon is a risk we are not prepared to take," said Dr. Jake Veasey, director of animal care.

"In our experience, often when a mother leaves their young it is because they sense that there is a congenital problem. We don't know yet if that is the case, but we are certain that had we not intervened, this cub would have died." **● METRO**



COURTESY MINDY NAGRA

▶ Calgarian Mindy Nagra, living in Australia, says she has been unable to get to school or work because of the floods.

Albertans at flood's mercy

▶ There are reports that more than 12,000 homes in the Australian state of Queensland have been flooded ▶ Due to rising water levels, power has been shut off to more than 100,000 homes and businesses



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Albertans in the flooded Australian city of Brisbane say the metropolis has come to a standstill, leaving many people stranded.

Calgarian Mindy Nagra moved to Brisbane a year ago to attend school. She and her fiancé live on the 49th floor of a downtown apartment building and

she said they are able to survey some of the damage.

"Usually, as far as the eye can go, you see lights," she said. "It's kind of a bit of a ghost town."

Tim Hoyles, originally from Edmonton, said he's safe in the city, but his wife and nine-month-old son are stranded at her parents' home in the suburbs.

"They're safe from the actual flood waters but that

whole suburb ... they've shut the power off," he said, adding their food supplies are beginning to spoil.

Jason Webb, owner of Down Under Travel and adviser of the board of the Down Under Social Club, said while the situation is terrible, Australians will cope.

"They know that it's a situation that is awful, but they are going to get through it."

Details

▶ Both Mindy Nagra and Tim Hoyles say grocery store shelves have been emptied and no fresh produce has been able to be brought in.

▶ It's believed that at least 17 people have been killed and 70 more are missing.

▶ Brisbane is Australia's third-largest city.

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News in brief



► Robbery suspect

Snow brush weapon of choice in robbery

7-ELEVEN. Armed with a snow brush, police say a masked man robbed a 7-Eleven in Calgary's southeast early yesterday morning.

Police say the man entered the store located at 5320-8th Ave. SE around 3:20 a.m. and made off with an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect is described as an Arabic man between 25 and 35 years old who was wearing a white T-shirt over his head. ●METRO

Local man charged with holdups at Sask. banks

CASH GRAB. A Calgary man has been charged with robbing two Saskatchewan banks earlier this month.

Devin Bellhumer, 24, allegedly claimed he had a weapon and made off with cash at a bank in Swift Current Jan. 7 and another in Moose Jaw two days later. He has been taken into custody and is scheduled to appear in a Moose Jaw courtroom Jan. 25. ●METRO

Love in transit

VALENTINE. Star-crossed lovers who met using Calgary Transit are in the running to win a free adult monthly transit pass.

Anyone whose relationship fits the bill is asked to submit their tale of transit love in 500 words or less to CT-Contests@calgary.ca before Feb. 10. A winner will be announced on Valentine's Day. ●METRO

Hovercraft project a big assignment

► Career and Technology Centre program provides wealth of lessons for high school students including basic mechanics, budgeting and teamwork



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Hovercrafts in high school may conjure scenes from Back to the Future 2 but it's a reality at Lord Shaughnessy High School.

The first students to complete a semester at the school's Career and Technology Centre, which opened this past September, have built a hovercraft as their final project.

Trying to simulate a real work environment, student Andrew Toms acted as the team leader reporting to Kristen Byrnes, teacher and CEO. "I had to calculate a budget, order stuff and be the go-between with the CEO," said Toms.



► The hovercraft team, from left, Chris Hong, Asad Ali, Andrew Toms, Shaiq Mohamad, Buyoung Lee and Eugene Lee.

Working as part of a team of six, Toms admitted, "Everyone had their own projects as well so keeping everyone organized was the hardest part."

Besides learning to work within a team, the basics of mechanics and design, Byrnes said student gain a deeper understanding of concepts by applying their knowledge.

Setting a course

► In addition to the pre-engineering course, auto body, cosmetology and welding programs are also offered.

"The success of building a large scale project that really works doesn't often happen in the classroom," explained Byrnes, who is also a professional engineer.

CBE's Merla Bolender, project lead for the program, outlined the aims of the centre saying, "Students can take programs in industry credential — on industry equipment — allowing students to accelerate career paths while still in high school."

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Sarah Palin accuses media of inciting hate

► Remarks come after 22-year-old Jared Loughner allegedly tried to assassinate Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Giffords

Sarah Palin posted a nearly eight-minute video on her Facebook page early yesterday, accusing journalists and pundits of inciting hatred and violence in the wake of a deadly Arizona shooting that gravely wounded a U.S. congresswoman.

Last spring, Palin targeted Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' district in Arizona as one of 20 that should be taken back. Palin has been criticized for marking each district with the cross hairs of a gun sight.

In the video, the 2008 Republican vice-presidential candidate said vigorous debates are a cherished tra-



► Sarah Palin

dition. But she said after the election, both sides find common ground, even though they disagree.

"But, especially within hours of a tragedy unfold-

ing, journalists and pundits should not manufacture a blood libel that serves only to incite the very hatred and violence they purport to condemn. That is reprehensible," she said.

The term "blood libel" is the false allegation that Jews kill non-Jews, especially Christian children, to acquire blood for the Passover or other Jewish rituals, according to the Jewish Virtual Library.

It has been used in other contexts, and Palin's meaning was not clear. Her aides did not immediately respond to an email early yesterday.

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Stolen. Snowplow



► A police officer sits in his car near the site where Sgt. Ryan Russell was struck by a stolen snowplow in Toronto yesterday.

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Chase ends in tragedy

An attempt to stop a stolen snowplow during a wild police chase through snowy Toronto streets ended in tragedy yesterday when an officer was struck by the vehicle and killed. A man was arrested about seven kilometres from where the officer was hit.

Poles to blame in president's death: Russia

Russian officials investigating the plane crash that killed Polish President Lech Kaczynski placed the blame squarely on the Poles yesterday, saying the crew was pressured to land in bad weather by an air force commander who had been drinking.

Kaczynski and 95 others, including his wife, died in April 2010 when their Tu-154 plane crashed while trying to land in Smolensk, Russia. There were no survivors.

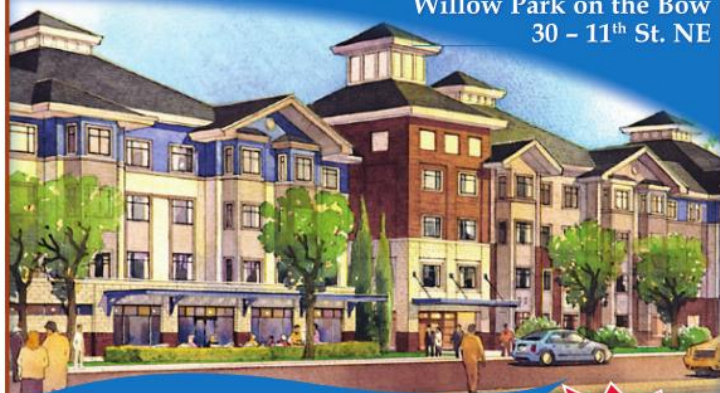
In Poland, the report met with accusations that it is unbalanced and failed to acknowledge Russian mistakes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Surprise! Kinder egg a contraband?

► Kinder Surprise barred from U.S. because toy inside might be choking hazard ► Mom: 'I think it's ridiculous'

Linda Bird couldn't believe it when agents from the U.S. Border Patrol at the crossing between Manitoba and Minnesota told her she had illegal contraband in her car — and that she faced the possibility of a \$300 fine.

The unlawful property in question: a Kinder Surprise chocolate egg she had bought as a gift. Bird, a 48-year-old social-work student at the University of Manitoba, and her two sons were caught up in a random border search.

The family was driving to Ontario to visit her two daughters and going through the United States, which is a shorter drive,



► The Kinder Surprise egg

Bird said.

The incident happened in early December. The family was asked for identification and then told to get out of the car and wait inside the U.S. Border Patrol offices.

After 20 minutes, the U.S. officers came back and showed Bird what they'd found: the Kinder Surprise egg.

"They told us it was pro-

hibited," she said.

Then they handed her a list of prohibited items that are not allowed in the United States, escaping with just a warning.

Bird thought no more about it until last week when she got a seven-page letter from U.S. Customs asking her if she wanted the egg back or if she was going to abandon any rights to it.

If she doesn't sign the letter, let U.S. officials know whether she wants the egg and return it within five business days, she could be liable for \$250 in storage costs for the egg in the event of a legal challenge.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011

Canada inks deal to sell seal

► Ottawa hopes new markets in Asia will offset losses from EU ban ► Seal meat, oil to be exported

JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A new trade deal with China could see the world's most populous country import Canadian seal meat and breathe new life into the ailing industry.

Federal Fisheries Minister Gail Shea announced the agreement yesterday in Beijing, where she is trying to promote Canadian seafood and seal products. She said the deal takes effect today.

"For Canada, sealing is about more than fur. The trade of other seal products represents a growing share of what is already a multi-million-dollar business," Shea said.

Cathy Towtongie, president of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., an Inuit land-claims organization, welcomed the deal. "Inuit are always looking for new markets for our products," she said



► A sealer drags a harp seal during the annual hunt in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

in a statement. "NTI fully supports the proposed agreement."

But animal-rights activists argue that Canadian processors could have a hard time selling the products in China. Rebecca Aldworth, a Canadian spokeswoman for the Humane Society of the United

States, said she was in China in November to screen footage from last year's seal hunt off eastern Canada, and noted rising opposition to the hunt.

"I don't believe there is any future for the Canadian sealing industry in China," she said from Montreal.

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Loonie will stay at par with U.S. dollar: Flaherty

► Finance minister says high Canadian dollar reflects country's 'sound fiscal situation'

The Canadian loonie will hover at parity with the U.S. dollar for some time to come, and deservedly so thanks to Canada's economic strength, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday.

"This is a new world," Flaherty told reporters af-

ter speaking about controlling debt at a think-tank discussion at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in the U.S. capital.

The Canadian dollar hit a two-and-a-half year high earlier yesterday of \$0.9848, or \$1.0154 U.S.

The loonie's been at or near parity with the U.S. currency for weeks, a state of affairs that causes headaches for Canadian exporters who get paid in American dollars.

That's why Ottawa is throwing a lifeline to exporters and manufactur-

ers by lowering corporate taxes, reducing tariffs and extending an accelerated capital cost write-off, Flaherty said.

The finance minister also said Canada would put global financial standards in place well before deadlines imposed by the

Basel Committee of international bank regulators.

The new regulations, dubbed the Basel Three, are supposed to be in place by 2019.

But Flaherty said Canada will move much faster than that.

The new standards

would require banks to prepare for economic recessions by holding onto more cash and assets that can be easily sold off.

They aim to ensure taxpayers aren't on the hook when a financial institution fails.

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► Jim Flaherty

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► A sex worker advertises her wares behind red-lit windows in Amsterdam on Monday.

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Prostitutes to pay taxes

Amid budget cuts and falling revenues, the Dutch government has warned prostitutes in Amsterdam's red-light district to expect a business-only visit from the taxman this year. The move is meeting with little formal opposition, even among prostitutes, though some are skeptical it can be enforced.

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Lululemon gear flies off shelves

Lululemon Athletica Inc. is struggling to restock shelves with its popular yoga and running gear after a better-than-expected holiday sales rush, it said yesterday.

The Vancouver-based retailer caught up to demand in the third quarter of 2010, only to fall behind again during the holiday season. Lululemon estimates that it sold over \$700 million of product in fiscal 2010 — a 55 per cent increase from 2009. It says 2010 saw the highest same-store sales growth in the company's history.

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A SERIOUS CASE OF CAN'T-SIT-STILL-ITIS

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE



It takes me a while to settle into a new city.

A few years will pass as I learn about its people, its feel, its rhythm. And then, suddenly, I'll be hit with the thought that always occurs to me when I realize a place, once strange, is now home: *Man, I've got to get out of here.*

Itchy feet and cabin fever don't even begin to describe what I feel in my most wanderlustful moments. Something clinical to reflect the seriousness of the condition would be more appropriate: Soulrasis, maybe.

I've been in Toronto for two and a half years and Canada, generally, for five — an unusually long time for me in both cases.

Normally, when it comes to cities, I'm just a gigolo. Truth is, I've fooled around with at least one city in every province, not to mention a little something-some-thing on the side in Africa, Europe, and New Zealand. Some towns, I don't even remember their names. "Sorry, Toronto the Good. That's just how I roll."

Why do I need to get away? I barely understand the question. It's like being asked why I need to eat, or drink, or watch Futurama marathons. It's just something that needs to be done. I'm frankly baffled by anybody who would prefer to stay where they are.

My father, for one, frequently

acts like there are "BEYOND THIS POINT THERE BE DRAGONS" signs greeting anyone who would dare leave New Brunswick. And he's not alone: I was once on a

ferry off the coast of New Brunswick when a stranger next to me remarked how beautiful the view was. "Yes," I agreed. "I've been everywhere," the man continued. "New Brunswick, Nova Scotia. Every-

where. And this is the best spot." It's not that I judge people like him, so much as I consider them part of a different species.

There's a whole planet to see. Why would anyone pass that up? Am I the crazy one? Though it might seem to some like I'm run-

ning away from family or responsibilities, the truth is I'm a better person when I travel: I read more; I learn more; I live in the moment.

And I'm way more accepting of things as they are. Missing a city bus when I'm home will make me grumpy. But getting bad service in Vienna? Charming. Nearly freezing overnight in a tent in New Zealand? Awesome. Passing out from food poisoning in Zimbabwe? That's an adventure.

Sorry, Canada. It's better for both of us if I see other cities. It will just be for a few weeks this summer. I'll totally call on your birthday.



Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



Nighttime is right time

Letters & Tweets

We asked: What's your favourite time of day?

@glorified_gvb: Saturday nite at 3 or 4 a.m. ... crazy late, absolutely no responsibilities at that hour.

@jbc44: evenings at Starbucks. Ever since midnight shift craving human interaction. Lots ppl at coffee shop.

Re: J.A. Zwahlen letter (Jan. 12)

RAWDON, N.S. I noted J.A. Zwahlen's objections to a cartoon by Michael de Adder. In his objection, Zwahlen suggested de Adder was confusing the anger of the tea party with hatred. I believe it's

As time goes by



Zwahlen who is confused. There is a distinction to be made between dissatisfaction with one's government and advocating violence as part of one's dissatisfaction. Sarah Palin, Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck and others have blurred and, some would argue, crossed the line when it comes to offering political comment.

No one is suggesting that the concerns of the tea party aren't legitimate, however, any suggestion by either side of the political spectrum that violence is an acceptable form of voicing one's concerns is repugnant and has no place in a democracy. Tea party supporters seem to not recognize or respect that limit. **TIM McDERMOTT**

What advice would you give future generations?

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Metro Minute at Titanic: The Musical

Attention history buffs and Broadway musical lovers.

The University of Calgary Operetta Company is presenting *Titanic: The Musical*, beginning today and running right through to Jan. 22.

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News in brief



John Travolta says their seven-week-old baby boy is "a new beginning" for his family.

The actor and his wife, Kelly Preston, posed with their son Benjamin for the cover of People magazine. Travolta says Benjamin has "brought us a new beginning" and "given the house a renewed spirit and purpose."

Travolta and Preston's oldest child, son Jett, died in 2008 at the age of 16. Benjamin was born in November in Florida. Preston, 48, and Travolta, 56, also have a 10-year-old daughter, Ella Bleu.

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► French director Michel Gondry takes on his first big action film ► Picking a Chinese actor to play a Chinese role leads to criticism ► Not a fan of big sex scenes



► Seth Rogan stars in The Green Hornet.

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

Eclectic French director Michel Gondry makes his first bid at a big-budget studio tent-pole with *The Green Hornet*, based on the 1940s radio program and 1960s TV series. Metro caught up with Gondry to discuss his sketching habit, dealing with racial issues and avoiding intimacy on screen.

Do you still create extensive storyboards for your work?
My first movie, *Human Nature*, I did every single shot in storyboard because the budget was small and I

wanted to do everything, like a piece of Lego. Every set was conceived and done on stage. And then I realized it suffocated the actor a little bit. So since then I decided that when it concerns only the actor, I will not storyboard. It will be open to conversation at the last minute. Now when there are 10 cars flipping and exploding, and the building is exploding and falling apart, then you have to do some storyboards.

With the character of Kato, *The Green Hornet* has had some unpleasant racial connotations associated with it. How did you work to avoid or address those?

To me, that was the main thing. Even in the draft I had 10 years ago or 15 years ago, he was still the servant. It was very condescending to have him as the servant. That was one thing we didn't want to have in this movie. But you know what's really funny, and a thing I don't understand? People criticized us that we took a real Chinese actor — actually he's from Taiwan — to have a bigger market. But it's so funny because the problem of all the American movies I can remember is that they would never take a real Chinese person to do a Chinese character. David Carradine played Kung Fu, which was

supposed to be played by Bruce Lee — it was a concept by Bruce Lee. But they didn't want him because he was too Chinese. And here we take a real Chinese actor, and people still complain. There is always room for complaint.

You've mentioned avoiding including much of a love story in this film because you thought it would be too distracting.

Not that I'm somebody pure who never sees sex in movies and everything like that, but a lot of time I feel uncomfortable when people get too intimate on the screen. I remember with Kate Winslet and Jim Carrey we had some pretty

hot scenes (in *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*), and once I was in there, I was, "OK, put your hand in his pants and go for it." Then when you man the camera, you go for it. But I generally don't like to watch the scene. And I remember they asked me if Kirsten Dunst could be topless, and I didn't want to ask her. They made me ask her, they forced me to ask her, the producer. And I did it, and she said to me, "No. The only director that I would get my bra off for would be (Pedro) Almodovar, not you." It was really embarrassing because I didn't want her to do it in the first place.

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How many layers deep is Lindsay?

► Lohan making friends with Inception star who has been sober for years

Fresh out of rehab, Lindsay Lohan has reportedly been hanging around with Inception star Tom Hardy, according to X17 Online, though reps have denied that the sober actor is serving as Lohan's sponsor.

"Lindsay loves how Tom has been sober for years, and she wants to make sure she follows in that path. He's a good looking guy with a great career who has overcome some major obstacles," a source says.

"They're perfect together. Lindsay hopes it will turn into a serious relationship. She's really into him."

Hardy is engaged to British actress Charlotte Riley. **● METRO**



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Celebrity tweets



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get back I'm gonna set a tumblr up.



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[@Joel-Madden]
A&E reality shows are ruining my

life. First 48 and hoarders. I should be sleeping.



Ryan Seacrest
[@Ryan-Seacrest]
Busy day-radio- then

off to a fox idol event then seeing the idol contestants..I actually packed a cooler today w veggie juices. on the run



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Fashion rules to break in 2011

► This year's coming trends may force you to disregard about 90 per cent of everything you were ever taught about clothes.

KENYA HUNT,
GLOBAL FASHION DIRECTOR

Toasty texting



Last February, Annie Hemmesch, her mother and sister started selling Telefingers gloves made by threading the thumbs, pointer fingers and middle fingers with conductive material that allows wearers to use touchscreen devices while keeping their hands warm. The gloves are just one example of the influence the cold weather is having on fashion and technology.

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London-based Canadian designer Mark Fast teams with Danier for new collection



► Prada

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Never wear horizontal stripes

Fashion puritans of yore dictated that stripes would only make you look about 10 pounds heavier. Then fashion's craze for Breton tops happened and it paved the way for a full-blown explosion of stripes that started on the spring/summer '11 runways and is coming to a store near you. Stripes are now perfectly fashionable on work suits (Prada) or slouchy tank-dresses (Jil Sander).

Jil Sander



► Alexander Wang

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Never wear white in winter

Ignore the stiff sartorial moralist tsk-tsking in your ear as you reach for that white dress in your closet. This month, we strongly encourage you to wear ivory. The non-colour will be bigger than big this year; nearly every brand showed a series of covetable white looks for spring/summer '11. But it's not limited to hot summer days. Alexander Wang and Celine are just a few brands that churned out ivory coats, trousers and sweaters that would look perfectly cool now.

Celine



► Chloé

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Always wear a slip

Back in 1980, a young soon-to-be Princess Diana caused an uproar when paparazzi snapped her in the park. The sunlight revealed that she was wearing no slip to hide her legs beneath a sheer skirt. Today she'd be applauded for it. The floaty, see-through skirts and dresses headed our way this year are meant to show a little leg. Not that you need to show your panties to all the world — try silk shorts instead.

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Condo tricks of the trade: Jackie Di Cara

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A standard apartment-style condo is given the designer touch.

There are many things to consider

when purchasing an older condo and one of the largest is how to make it your own by putting a personal decor stamp of style on it.

When the homeowner of this downtown condo purchased the dated space, it seemed the outdated and unchangeable finishes, like stuccoed ceilings, horizontal windows and parquet flooring, could never become the urban and stylish home she had envisioned. Enter Toronto

interior designer Jackie Di Cara. Her client was actually using a search engine on the Internet and found Jackie listed.

She knew as soon as she saw Jackie's work that she had found all the help she needed to transform her outdated downtown condo into a cool, urban space.

Jackie's practical and efficient furniture layout and thoughtful decorating ideas and tricks helped to make a dated space look like a super-stylish home.



Colours

Jackie kept the colour scheme very classic and restrained. Grey, cream browns with a hint of fashionable yellow and raspberry to make the room feel trendsetting.

The artwork is fabric that Jackie found while shopping for pillow fabrics. She framed the fabric and used it as art.



Dining area

The dining area was a tough space to furnish. It's the first thing you see when you enter the apartment and had a walkway through it that went into a bed and bath area. By grounding the offset table with a hanging light fixture and placing artwork, Jackie gives the illusion that the table was always meant to be offset in the space.

The alcove area was wallpapered in a geometric pattern in order to offer a modern vibe to the space, and an old art deco chest was purchased to hold dining room accessories. It's a great focal point when guests enter the condo.



Living area

Low built-ins were installed under the horizontal window ledge to create much needed storage and to serve as a display shelf for artwork and decorative items.

"The view was completely undesirable, so I used the old trick of bringing the focal point forward so that the eye stops at an interesting painting or items rather than looking outside."

Simple window treatments offer privacy and diffuse the view while still allowing light to flow

into the living area.

Not hanging drapery panels helped to keep a clean, modern feeling to the room.

Textured seagrass wallpaper creates an unexpected focal wall that grounds the heaviest piece of furniture and also the piano. The texture of the grasscloth draws attention away from the texture of the stippled ceiling.

Jackie floated an open-backed chaise lounge in the open-concept space. It allows guests to sit facing

the living area or kitchen. Another sofa could have been added, but its high back would have blocked the visual flow into the living area and made the space feel smaller.

A generous area rug ties all the furniture together in the living area, leaving the rest of the floor areas bare to show off the newly restained parquet flooring.

A dark walnut stain colour gave the room a sophisticated feel and the much need change from the original golden oak colour.

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The spit-roasted porchetta sandwich is full of flavour, thanks to unapologetic pieces of fat (as

it should be), caramelized onion and baby arugula.

Vegetarians are also well-served here. Toasted pecans and a gruyere-like cheese from B.C. elevate the mixed greens (\$8) with pear vinaigrette.

A perfect apple sticky toffee pudding (\$7) gets support from poached quince and crème fraîche.

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- 5 ml (1 tsp) sugar
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground white pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) rice wine
- 10 ml (2 tsp) sesame oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 450 g (1 lb) boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed
- 2 green bell peppers, cored and cut into chunks
- 1 small yellow onion
- 10 ml (2 tsp) grated fresh ginger
- 250 ml (1 cup) unsalted cashews

Preparation:

- 1 In a bowl, whisk together oyster sauce,

soy sauce, sugar, white pepper, rice wine and sesame oil. Set aside.

- 2 In a large, deep skillet or wok over medium-high, heat the vegetable oil until shimmering. Add the chicken and stir-fry until lightly browned, 2 to 3 minutes. It should not be completely cooked through yet.

- 3 Add the green peppers, onion and fresh ginger. Stir-fry until the chicken is cooked through and the onions are translucent, about another 5 to 6 minutes.

- 4 Stir in sauce and the cashews, coating all ingredients.

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James revels in Cavs' epic loss

LeBron James has tweaked Dan Gilbert — and the Cavaliers owner's miserable NBA team — with a pointed tweet.

As his former teammates were absorbing a 55-point loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night, James fired off a message on his Twitter account that seemed to be directed at Gilbert.

James wrote: "Crazy. Karma is a b****... Gets you every time. Its not good to

wish bad on anybody. God sees everything!"

In July, after James announced he was leaving for Miami, Gilbert wrote a scathing letter to Cleveland fans questioning the two-time MVP's character and predicted he would take Cleveland's curse with him "down south ... James will unfortunately own this dreaded spell and bad karma."

The 112-57 loss to the Lakers was the Cavs' 11th

straight and their most lopsided since joining the league in 1970.

James and Gilbert have been at odds since James joined fellow superstars Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in Miami.

Little has gone right this season for Cleveland. In their loss to the Lakers, the Cavs played three rookies for long stretches due to injuries, establishing a team record for fewest points. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► LeBron James during warmup before a game in Washington in December.

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Sharks struggling to find their bite

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► Dany Heatley struggles with Pavel Datsyuk of the Detroit Red Wings during a Sharks loss in November.

► 'Sometimes it's not all bad to get kicked in the ass,' says GM Wilson

This is when Doug Wilson figures he'll truly find out what the San Jose Sharks are made of.

Locked in a five-game losing streak, occupying unfamiliar territory outside of the Western Conference playoff picture, times are pretty tough for the men in teal and black.

Rather than being completely discouraged by the current rut, the general manager is choosing to look at it as an important opportunity for a franchise that is accustomed to comfortably waltzing into the post-season each year — only to fall short.

"In the past, sometimes things have come too easy," Wilson said this

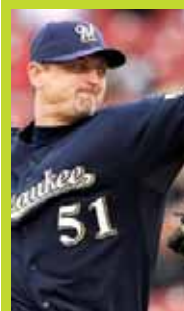
week in an interview. "The one year, in March and April we didn't lose in 20 games ... You can't just flip a switch late in the year and say, 'Oh, now we're going to start doing things the right way.'"

There is plenty of time left to salvage the season. Yesterday morning, the Sharks found themselves two points out of eighth place in the bunched-up Western Conference and they still had 38 games left on the schedule.

It has been a strange year for the Sharks, who were a 100-point team five of the last six seasons. They are on pace for 88 points this year.

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Quoted



"Really, the one word that kept recurring was how thankful I was to be a part of Major League Baseball, how thankful I was to be able to put a uniform on and be a kid until I was 43, to be a part of the baseball family."

BASEBALL'S ALL-TIME SAVES LEADER TREVOR HOFFMAN, WHO ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT YESTERDAY IN SAN DIEGO.

Labinjo on his way to Montreal

The Calgary Stampeders acquired future considerations from the Montreal Alouettes for Canadian defensive end Mike Labinjo in a trade announced yesterday by the CFL clubs.

The six-foot-one, 288-pound Labinjo spent the past four seasons with the Stampeders, winning the 2008 Grey Cup against the Alouettes.

The 30-year-old also played eight games with the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles between 2004 and 2005 and two games with the Indianapolis Colts in 2005. He spent time with the Miami Dolphins, too.

44 In 44 career games, 28 of them starts, Labinjo recorded 61 defensive tackles, seven special teams tackles, six sacks, nine tackles for a loss of 34 yards, seven knockdowns and two fumble recoveries.

"We are excited to give Mike Labinjo a chance to compete for a job on our defensive line and work with coach Mike Sinclair," Alouettes GM Jim Popp said in a release. "Last season, Mike took a step back due to battling the injury bug, but we



► Mike Labinjo

have high hopes he can recapture those moments of dominance that he has (shown) at times with Calgary." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sports in brief



Sanchez says sore shoulder feels better

NFL New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez said his sore right shoulder is feeling the best it has in three or four weeks.

He participated in a full

practice yesterday for the first time in nearly a month.

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Canadians advance

TENNIS. Canadians Frank Dancevic, Peter Polansky and Milos Raonic advanced to the second round of Australian Open qualifying with straight-set victories yesterday.

Dancevic next plays Evgeny Korolev of Kazakhstan. Polansky takes on Jesse Huta Galong from Netherlands and Raonic faces Croat Nikola Mektic next round.

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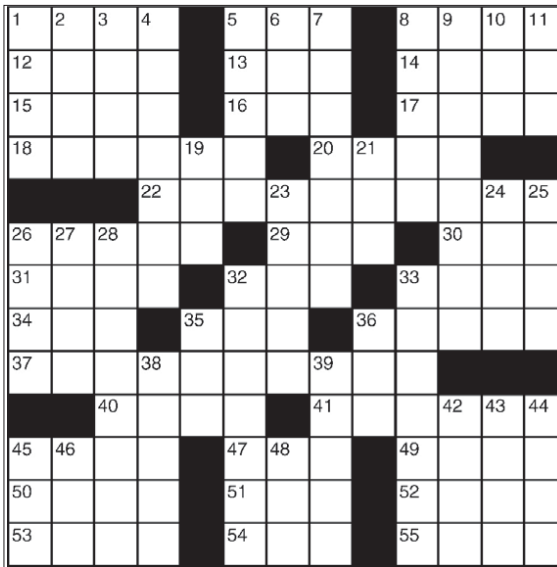
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25 List-ending abbr.
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28 Adolescent



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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Lead by example today. Simply issuing orders and expecting others to carry them out is not going to succeed, especially at work where you are more likely to spark a rebellion.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It's official: you were right and everyone else was wrong. Will you gloat? Of course you will, and rightly so, but having enjoyed your moment of triumph don't go on and on about it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 As Mercury, your ruler, moves into the wealth area of your chart today something will happen that reminds you that you must conserve your resources. Look ahead.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Be bold, be brave and be ready to take advantage of the opportunities that are coming your way. Mercury, planet of communication, will bring good news of some kind today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Some people are urging you to be a bit less suspicious than you usually are. Rest assured you won't lose out by going along with what a friend or work colleague proposes — you may even make some money.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 The planets are urging you to be a bit less suspicious than you usually are. Rest assured you won't lose out by going along with what a friend or work colleague proposes — you may even make some money.

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♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Sit back and let the good things in life come to you. One of those good things has something to do with your family and today, more than most days, you will find it easy to connect with loved ones.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will be feeling more like your old self today. Mercury's change of signs will give you the confidence to try out new things and visit new places, especially in the company of friends.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Don't suffer in silence. Speak up and let everyone know you deserve a bigger share of the applause and rewards. Chances are

you'll get it.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Are you being too optimistic? Is your imagination taking you for a ride? No, and no again, are the answers to those questions.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 There are so many good things going on in your world, so why are you so reluctant to make something of them? Between now and the Sun's move into your sign on the 20th you must get your act together.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 An offer of some sort will come your way and to say the least it will sound tempting.

● SALLY BROMPTON

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